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## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

(Not Approved by the Academic Senate)

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Len Schmaltz called the meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 7:07 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Secretary John Freed called the roll. There were twenty-three members present and a quorum would be twenty-six. It was decided to continue under "summer rules" since no Action items appeared on the Agenda. Chairperson Schmaltz stated that the lack of a quorum meant that any action taken would need to be approved at the August 30th meeting of the Senate.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 1989

Senator Alstrum had a correction on Page 4, second paragraph, which should read: Section 1. C.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chairperson Schmaltz announced that we had a visiting Parliamentarian this evening, Dr. John Boaz. Ira Cohen was on vacation.

Faculty Senators would find a copy of a memorandum at their places announcing a Faculty Executive Session set for Tuesday, July 25, at 11:00 a.m. in Prairie Room One of the Bone Student Center. Provost Strand will elaborate on this in his remarks.

Also at Senator's places is a copy of a letter that I received today from Donald Paige, President of the SIU Faculty Senate, regarding House Bill 2687 which mandates all Illinois public institutions to require a course on race relations for an Associate's or Bachelor's degree. This bill has passed the house and the senate, and he is urging us to write to the Governor to encourage him to veto this bill. The second page of the handout states: "SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: Requires course work on improving race and ethnic relations in requirements for obtaining a baccalaureate or associate degree."

Senator Zeidenstein stated that he saw no evidence that the Bill had been adopted from the Page 19 Calendar of Events which ended May 30, 1989 with the first reading of the bill. Has this legislation passed and been forwarded to the Governor for approval? This is an incomplete record. However, it does look like a bill the Illinois General Assembly would pass.

Senator Schmaltz said that Dr. Paige's letter had encouraged us to write to the Governor asking him to veto this bill -- that would indicate that the bill had passed both the senate and the house.

Senator Arnold said it was impossible to tell from these documents whether the bill had passed and whether the final wording was "course" or "course work".

Senator Wallace stated that the bill had passed. It was his understanding that the wording "course work" in Amendment 1 had also passed. This is just heating up. We don't know what the outcome will be.

Senator Schmaltz said he would be calling Phil Adams, the legislative liaison at the Board of Regents, to find out more about this bill.

Senator Ritch asked if Senator Wallace knew what the bill meant by "program".

Senator Wallace said that this had gotten through at the last hour, and the specifics are not certain. What passed was the wording "course work".

Senator Walker asked if the University in any way requires this?

Senator Strand answered that we do not meet the letter of the law for every student to meet this requirement at the present time. However, many students do have a component of this in their curriculum.

Senator Ritch asked who is going to monitor this? Who's going to pay for this? What course will student's have to leave out in order to take this?

Senator Strand said that between the President's Office and the Provost's Office, developments of recent legislation and its effects on the University are closely monitored. There has been interest in doing something like this on our campus before this legislation was passed. Talk of integrating content of this nature into other course work in the University is not new.



### Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson Scott Rendleman had an excused absence.

### Student Body President's Remarks

None.

### Administrators' Remarks

President Wallace reported that the Senate Executive Committee and the Budget Committee had met with him regarding the FY90 Budget. They had also discussed the ISU space strategies, some of the financial strategies, and the new science facility. As you probably know, we are getting a 13.4% increase in our state appropriation this year. We appreciate very much the fact that our tax dollars per student are the lowest in the state. We have to keep in mind that the \$11.4 million dollar increase is really divided into two parts--appropriations which are really base budget dollars that came from the tax revenue natural growth economy; and the Madigan/Rocke portion which is about 4% for two years. When the bill passed at 3:00 a.m. on July 1, that portion of it was finalized. This will not mean anything major in the next budget year as far as new positions. As you know, we already authorized 30 some new positions and did not think it would be wise to go beyond that before the funds were authorized. In next year's budget a part of that \$4.7 million would be used as one-time base budget additions for non-permanent kinds of items--such as an extra shot of money for commodities, equipment, contractual, repairs, etc. That will enable us to approach Fall of 1990 having all next year to look for additional faculty positions. As we talked, we anticipate putting aside a sizeable amount of that \$4.7 million to address the strategic planning problems in the various colleges. We anticipate working with the Deans in the Fall to call for proposals that will address strategic planning needs in the colleges. We are also concerned about the two-year aspect of that money, and will work with the Board of Regents to try to be prepared to deal with that so that we don't have to think about cutbacks in the Summer of 1991. In our appropriation, the legislature intended an 8% increase in salaries, we have been able to go beyond 8%. This money makes some significant progress on a national scale -- it should bring us just about up to the national average for salaries. We were very pleased that we will receive \$1 million dollars in planning money for the new science building. We appreciate the efforts of Senators Maitland and Representative Ropp who pushed this through at the last session. We hope this will translate into a \$20 million dollar appropriation for construction next year.

President Wallace stated that this past week we had two consultants in to meet with the Athletic Strategic Planning Committee --two athletic directors from the University of Wisconsin and California State University at Fresno. We brought together the Student Affairs Committee, the Executive Committee, the Athletic Committee, and the Budget Committee to meet with those consultants and make an effort at getting financial information out. We have had two meetings of the Athletic Strategic Planning Committee this month, and we have another one scheduled for the 18th of this month. I also want to mention that in going through the minutes of the meeting regarding the Athletic Council membership, there seems to be some confusion. I think there is some confused wording in the documents that we are using about whether or not the President has the right to appoint members or accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate, and whether the Senate is a legislative body or not. Both of those issues need discussion by the Rules Committee. We talked about these issues in the Executive Committee last week. My point on the Athletic Council membership is that I certainly have no problem with the Senate electing members to a committee that reports directly to the Senate. However, where I have a problem is with the idea that with the sensitivity in athletics today we see that in most if not all of the universities, the President has some hand in picking his/her primary committee on the question of athletics. In some institutions the Athletic Committee is the central committee, in others it is an advisory committee. I think the reason for that is fairly obvious, if someone on an Athletic Council, viewed as the President's primary advisory committee, calls a news conference to talk about some athletic problem, the room would be filled with the news media. If a faculty member of a curriculum committee called a news conference to talk about the universities studies program, no one would show up. I really have no problem with either way of doing this. But, I do think we need to clean up the wording in some of our documents.

The other thing we mentioned is in that same category, and I have asked the Chair to call a meeting of the Rules Committee and the Executive Committee and have Joe Goleash analyze some of the analysis of the Board of Regents policies as to whether the Senate is a legislative body or an advisory body. Let me read to you from the Board of Regents policy which states: "In order to promote its responsible self government, each university shall provide in its constitution from an elected representative body at the institutional level for consultation regarding policy formation." The Board of Regents policy also says in the context of the mission of the University, "the Board recognizes that the faculty has a primary responsibility of the fundamental areas of instruction, instructional materials and research."

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\_\_\_\_\_ recommendations accepted by the Administration, the Chancellor and the Board. The governing policy says that: "The Constitution of each University shall firmly define faculty responsibility as

So the ISU Constitution accurately states that the Academic Senate shall be the primary body to determine educational policy in the University and to advise the President on its implementation. What I would like to see occur as we look at both these documents, the ISU Constitution and the Board of Regent's policies, \_\_\_\_\_.

Senator Zeidenstein suggested that the documents we look at should include the NCAA.

Senator Wallace said that he saw two clear models here, and had no problem with either one.

#### **PROVOST'S REMARKS**

Provost Strand stated he would like to draw attention to the July 10th communique he had sent to the Chair of the Senate. The ASPT document requests that two times during the course of a year information be made available to the faculty members of the Academic Senate, privately and then in an Executive Session, so that the faculty members are aware of Promotion and Tenure recommendations before they go to the Board of Regents, and salary information before it goes to the Board of Regents. We have reports now on the salary information. You will note here that the information will be available in two offices from Monday, July 17 through Monday, July 24. The Executive Session will be held Tuesday, July 25th, at 11:00 a.m. in Prairie Room One of the Bone Student Center to answer any questions of faculty members.

Senator Tuttle said he would be out of town, would it be possible to look at these documents at any other time. Senator Strand said that he would provide that information.

#### **Vice Presidents' Remarks**

Vice Presidents Gamsky and Harden had excused absences--no remarks.

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **Academic Senate Meeting Calendar for January-June 1990**

Senator Zeidenstein asked where the calendar had come from?

Answer: Senate Executive Committee. He then asked if the May 2nd meeting would fall during Final Exam Week?

Answer: No. Final Exam Week falls the second week of May.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Senator Walker stated that a correction was needed in the blue copy of the Athletic Council Bylaws which had been distributed to Senate members. On Page One, Section I. B., FACULTY, the last sentence should read: "No more than one faculty member may be from the same department."

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** - Senator Taylor reported that his committee would have a short meeting following Senate.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** - No report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE** - Senator Walker reported that the Budget Committee had met with President Wallace.

**FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** - Senator Ritt reported that his committee had met and discussed the faculty dismissal policy with Professor Eisele, Chair of the University Review Committee. We will meet early in August and by that time we hope to communicate to the Senate what our intentions are.

**RULES COMMITTEE** - Senator Newby said that Rules Committee business was pending on the return of five senators who were out of town for the summer. She announced a short meeting after Senate.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** - Senator Schramm had no report.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Senator Zeidenstein moved to adjourn (Second, Tuttle). Motion carried on a voice vote. Academic Senate Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**FOR THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

**JOHN B. FREED, SECRETARY**